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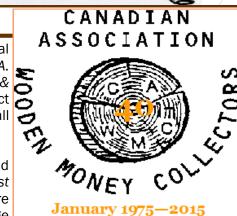
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### President's Message

It is not too long before we meet at our annual meeting held in conjunction with the *R.CN.A.* Convention at the *Delta Meadowvale Hotel & Conference Centre* in Mississauga. Contact information is e-mail 2014convention@rcna.ca or call 1-416-303-4417 for more information.

I encourage you to attend this outstanding show and to plan to attend our *Annual C.A.W.M.C. Breakfast Meeting* on the Saturday of the convention. We are holding the breakfast cost to \$20 to encourage attendance. We will be holding an auction and a 50-50 draw.



Our annual meeting is an opportunity to honour members who have put forth extraordinary effort to support our hobby. If you would like to nominate someone as a potential recipient of an award please advise me at one of the contact points below. Any awards will be presented at our annual meeting. I will be at the convention hotel from Tuesday night to Sunday morning, so please look me up any time during this event.

All 2014 membership cards and receipts not distributed already or at the convention will be mailed shortly thereafter. If you have queries re your membership status you can contact me (or on any other issue) by mail at **Al Munro**, Box 2643 Station M, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2P 3C1, by phone at 403-273-6133 or by email at wood5cents@shaw.ca. Happy Canada Day!

Good collecting to everyone! Hope to catch up with you at the August convention (I will be there from the evening of Monday, August 11th until Sunday departure August 17th! *Al Munro* 

### **Brantford Numismatic Society 2014 Woods**

Last month we reference this wood but didn't have all the images nor catalogue numbers (which are 5125-030 blue, -031 green, -032 purple respectively). Common obverse for all, 3 different colour reverses.











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The C.A.W.M.C. was founded on January 1st, 1975, by Garry Braunwarth (C-1) (pictured below) and Victor B. Hall (C-2) in Calgary, Alberta. In addition to the founders, these are the 43 other original charter members.

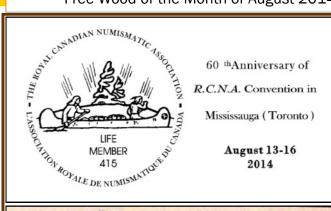
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Garry Braunwarth >>>



### RCNA 2014!

Free Wood of the Month of August 2014 reported by Ross Kingdon





Association teamed up to promote their conventions in August 2014.

The ANA's World's Fair of Money is August 5-9 (Rosemount, Chicago) and the RCNA 60th Anniversary Convention is August 13-16 (Mississauga, Toronto-Toronto was the location 60 years ago too). The ANA and RCNA members have free admission to the 123rd World's Fair of Money "Innovations in World Numismatics" convention with a valid ANA or RCNA membership card.

ANA members will also receive free admission to the RCNA convention with a valid ANA membership.

Those who participate in forums and educational opportunities at the two conventions will broaden

their knowledge and appreciation of collecting. They will also hopefully enjoy fellowship making friends in the other country.

Both conventions offering a large amount of educational seminar and numismatic group meetings, not to mention so much more.

Hopefully CAWMC members will get out to at least one of these this summer if not to both.

Judy Blackman's RCNA 2014 convention wood (3.5x2") was made by Norm Belsten. He'll assign a catalogue number once he has all the convention woods from members.

Unfortunately, there was a problem with the wood blanks and they did not stamp well, hence some have ink stamped too light or not at all in some spots. Other parts stamped too heavy for example the word "Toronto".

100 were donated to CAWMC members, and 50 were given to **Judy** for her own distribution.

The theme of this wood is "Hands Across The Border" as the American Numismatic Association and the Royal Canadian Numismatic





# TIMBER TALK

History of CAWMC

Timber Talk

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Jan. 1975 — Sept. 1979 Garry Braunwarth

Oct. 1979 — July 1981 Stan Cluthe

Aug. 1981 — July 1983 Albert Kasman

Aug. 1983 — Sept. 1992 Garry Braunwarth

Oct. 1992 — Dec. 1994 Lou Vesh

Jan. 1995 — Aug. 2008 Ross Kingdon (14 years!!!)



Above is a Dan Gosling photo of Ross Kingdon

Sept. 2008 — Dec. 2009 Tony Hine

Jan. 2010 — Aug. 2010 Norm Belsten

Sept. 2010 — Current Judy Blackman



### 1876 Woods!





Tony Hines sent me an ANA link for 1876 wooden-flats but Yahoo said the server was not available, and Google and Firefox said my credentials did not match, so I was unable to open the link. Possibly the high security systems I am running may be causing this. Because I don't know what this beta.money blog said, I can only pass on Tony's comments: The 'purists' will tell you, 1. It is not Canadian; 2. It is not money (no denomination); 3. But, you are the Editor, and; 4. It is history; and 5. It is interesting; and 6. It shows technological evolution leading to our hobby today!

So this had my curiosity even though I could not access the blog, and I think it might be about this 1876 Philadelphia Centennial Exposition, Wooden Medal, Uniface Plaquette, Memorial Hall, Wood, attractive brown and eye appeal, 100mm x 68mm, and this particular wood image is nearly Uncirculated.



Or could it be this 1776—1876 U.S. Centennial Exhibit 3" (1/4" thick). Pressed Wood Souvenir Philadelphia round wood? Not perfectly flat, but closed to original untouched condition, just soiling from age.

Apparently there were six of these large pressed walnut exhibition medallions (first two mentioned are 3" and four are 2-3/8") in the set in an original wooden box. Each medal has very strong, crisp stamped images with text on

the reverse. The obverse designs include this one displayed to the

left which is the Main Building; Memorial Hall; George Washington (below right); Independence Hall; General Joseph Roswell Hawley (President of the Centennial—pictured bottom right); and Alfred Traber Goshorn (Director General of Centennial—who received the silver trophy vase below for his role in attracting over ten million people to this exhibition). They had engraving on the undersigned



as were presented to key individuals involved in the organization Centennial Exhibition as well as dignitaries. The lid of the box they came in was sign and medallions were made bv Philadelphia Ornamental Wood Company. Today this set sells for between \$150-200 U.S. according to recent auction records. The 100th Anniversary of American Independence Great International Exhibition was held at Fairmount Park (Philadelphia) 4th of July 1876.







### Bible Christian Wooden Collection Box

This is a wooden church collection box  $(15.2 \times 8.4 \times 6 \text{ cm} / 6 \times 3.3 \times 2.35 \text{ inch})$  with varnished label. The box was originally issued in aid of the "Bible Christian New Century Fund" (the Bible Christians were one of the old Methodist denominations which reunited to form the present-day (British) Methodist Church in 1933). The name of the fund implies that the box dates from c. 1900. This "Family Box" would have been distributed by the church to members of the congregation, to be returned for re-use once filled. The contents are accessed via a strip of wood in the base, hinged by a nail, which would originally have been held in place with a paper seal (of which no trace remains). The bottom of the back panel is slightly loose, but it is otherwise in good condition apart from some wear commensurate with the its age. The slot was intended to be sufficiently wide to accept the

then-ubiquitous old pennies, it may not be wide enough for all present-day coins.

The Bible Christian Church was a Methodist denomination founded by William O'Bryan, a Wesleyan Methodist local preacher, on 18 October 1815 in North Cornwall, with the first society, just 22 members, meeting at Lake Farm in Shebbear, Devon.

Primarily concentrated in Cornwall and Devon, the church sent missionaries all over England. By 1820, missions had been established in the Channel Islands and in Kent. They were also strong in the Isle of Wight amongst farm labourers, largely due to the inspirational teachings of Mary Toms of Tintagel, Cornwall. The vicar of Brighstone, Samuel Wilberforce, urged that their influence be countered by having their adherents sacked from their jobs and turned out from their cottages, resulting in their sometimes meeting in a chalk pit. There are several chapels in rural areas of the Island which have the title "Bible Christian Chapel" over the doorway (e.g. Apse Heath, Arreton).



By 1831, ministers were being sent to Prince Edward Island and Ontario, and a mission was established in Canada in 1845. Many of the emigrants from Devon and Cornwall to Canada and the United States in the 1830s were "Bible Christians", further encouraging the spread of the church in those countries. Other missions were later established in other countries: in Australia in 1850, in New Zealand in 1878, and in China in 1885. In Australia, a large Bible Christian Church was built n Melbourne c. 1860 at 278 Gore St. Fitzroy; it still stands but has been converted into a home.



Members of the Bible Christian Church were sometimes known as Bryanites after their founder. The church made extensive use of female preachers.

While being only a small denomination the Bible Christians grew faster than the British population throughout their existence.

The Bible Christians recognized the ministry of women, calling them "Female Special Agents". A number of women appear on the stations – the places ministers were appointed to by the Bible Christian Conference. There were less than five of these women ministers in 1907 when the separate existence of the Bible Christians came to an end.

In 1907, the Bible Christian Church in England was amalgamated with the United Methodist Free Churches and the Methodist New Connexion, to form the United Methodist Church. In Canada, the Bible Christian Church had already been amalgamated, in 1884, into the Methodist Church of Canada, which later became part of the United Church of Canada.

The Methodist movement is a group of historically related denominations of Protestant Christianity which derive their inspiration from the life and teachings of John Wesley (pictured right). It originated as a revival within the 18th century Church of England and became a separate church following Wesley's death. Because of vigorous missionary activity, the movement spread throughout the British Empire, the United States, and beyond, today claiming approximately 80 million adherents worldwide.



### Shippensburg Wood

Shippensburg is a small town in the rolling foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. Laid out in a grid pattern, the town has a major thoroughfare, King Street, which runs northeast to southwest in line with the valleys. Along this road much of the town's commercial building is found. Earl Street, the other major street, intersects King near the western end. Secondary streets parallel the two primary thoroughfares and a railroad bisects the town. North is Shippensburg University, to the west is recent residential housing and the south and east is farmland. The oldest portion is characterized by mid-18th century log and stone structures.

This 1-1/2" diameter round wood advertises **Galen Gates & Son Men's Store** and celebrating Shippensburg's (PA) train station's 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The other side shows the W**.M. and P&R Reading railroad station**. W.M. stands for Western Maryland Railway.

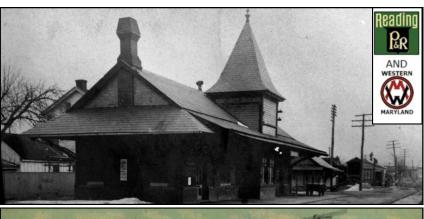
The W.M. and P&R was located between West King Street and West Orange Street (black and white picture below) next to where the Sunoco gas station is now located. After passenger service stopped, the station was used as he Shippensburg Public Library for many years before it was demolished.

The station was shared by both railroads since they both terminated in Shippensburg. Passengers coming from Harrisburg had to leave the P & R train and board the WM train to continue to Hagerstown. Just the opposite going the other way. There were occasional run thru trains. Also, the P&R tracks had to cross over the Cumberland Valley Railroad trains just east of the CVRR station (coloured picture below) on East Earl Street. The CVRR would not let the P&R cross at grade so that had to go over the CVRR. Passengers were forced to walk the block from one station to the other if they needed to get on a different railroad.

WOODEN ST



Today, Shippen Place Hotel and Black Horse Restaurant & Lounge at 32 E. King St.





Spans from what was 26 to 42 E. King St. Several businesses have operated at this site including Jay Dee Department Store, the Sugar Bowl and Roth's Furniture Store. The Shippen Place Hotel and Black Horse Restaurant & Lounge at 32 E. King St., have taken historical names for the business, and the land on which the building is located has an interesting part. (...) Other businesses along the southern part of the first block of East King Street included *Galen Gates & Son Men's Clothing Store* (...for style, wise men and boys shop at Galen...) at 20 E. King St.

On June 19, 1960 at 9:20 p.m. an alarm of fire was turned in for the Sherman Hotel at the intersections of King and Earl Streets. Firemen arrived to find smoke and fire on the first floor and smoke billowing from the upper floors. Thick acrid smoke filled the interior hampering efforts of firemen to reach the seat of the blaze. The fire started in the first floor kitchen bar area and spread upwards into a second floor kitchen. Both the kitchen and bar were gutted with heavy smoke, water and heat damage to the first and second floors and part of the third floor.

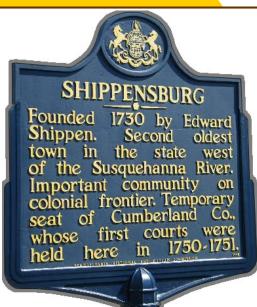
Adjacent businesses *Galen Gates & Son*, Pete's Barbour Shop, LeRidge Beauty Salon, Gordon's Women's Store and Frank Ferarris Plumbing also suffered various

degrees of smoke and water damage. There is no evidence available to indicate **Galen & Son Men's Clothing Store** re-opened after this fire. Subsequent fire took place in 2006 destroying many of these King St. buildings and restoration was delayed for years.

Galen H. Gates was President of the Lions' International Rotary in the early 1930s and his wife was founder of the Shippenburg United Way chapter in 1946. Galen's son Ortrun Gates went on and served too, as President this same rotary (which celebrated 80 years in 2012)

The name of Shippen is of great historic significance in the annals of Pennsylvania and has been woven into the very marrow of her history.

The Shippen family immigrated to America in 1668, settling first in Boston and finally moving on to Philadelphia. Edward Shippen, the founder of Shippensburg, was born in Boston July 9, 1703, a year before his family moved to Philadelphia. He grew up in Philadelphia, where he lived until 1752 when he moved to Lancaster, where he died in 1781.



From old records it appears that Edward Shippen's grant was crossed by old Indian Paths. One of these Indian Paths became the main street, which was named King; the street crossing it was called Queen Street. Three-fourths of the residents of the town in 1751 lived upon that portion of King Street, which lies between Washington Street and the bottom of the hill. This square was the important part of the village, for to this point came immigrants on pack horses and in Conestoga wagons, en route to the Potomac or to the unknown West. The town was planned with such sound judgment as to its situation in the valley that it soon became a flourishing community.

Shippensburg is the oldest community of the Cumberland Valley, and the second oldest west of the Susquehanna River in Pennsylvania. In July, 1730, 12 Scotch-Irish families came to the site of the present day Shippensburg and built cabin homes along Burd's Run. Shippensburg began as the western outpost of colonial settlement.

Messiah United Methodist Church has a rich history of missions and service work throughout its history. Following is a brief history of the founding and logistical growth and development that has permitted Messiah to continue our tradition of outreach.

Messiah United Methodist Church was founded in 1866 as the Evangelical United Brethren Church of Shippensburg. Initial services were held in the home of the Reverend John M. Smiley, who also owned a clothing store (which later became *Galen Gates & Son*) on East King Street. The first church building was constructed along North Penn Street and was dedicated on June 20, 1869. One year later, in 1870, a Sunday school was formed.

### Chips from my Woodpile...

The C.A.W.M.C. Breakfast will be held on Saturday, August 16th - 8:00 a.m. at the R.C.N.A., Delta Hotel, Mississauga.

An Auction will take place at that meeting.

Do you have any wooden items, tokens or woods that you would like to sell ???

If so, please contact the undersigned so that arrangements can be made.

Dave Gillespie, [e-mail: dacar57@hotmail.com], 3 Old Oak Lane, Mono, Ontario. L9W 4B1

Thanks, Dave



### Saint John Coin Club Auction Turns Up Wooden Treasures!

Tom Craig forwarded a *Saint John Coin Club* newsletter to *Norm Belsten* who in turn forwarded to your Editor, who in turn contacted the club for permission to reprints sections. The photos and article can be reprinted by *CAWMC* with credit to the owner, *Kevin Day-Thorburn* (club editor). The article discusses the wooden Christmas flats of *Glenn* and *Mildred Rodger*, not any woods issued by the *Saint John Coin Club*. There are two other photos of coin club woods elsewhere in the newsletter though, and Kevin provided these photos too. *Kevin* shared, "I'd be interested in learning more about the *CAWMC*. I haven't paid much attention, I'm afraid, since I used to organize *Atlantic Provinces Numismatic Association* (APNA – established May 8, 1965 and still going today) shows back in the 1990s." *Kevin* asked as to the status of the *Atlantic Provinces Wooden Money Collectors* (APWMC), and *Ross Kingdon* and *Norm Belsten* confirmed it disbanded several years ago. After *Glenn B. Rodger* died, there was virtually no interest from anyone to form an executive to keep it running. *Glenn* was co-author with *David G. Taylor* of the original 95 paged illustrated book "*The Wooden Money of Atlantic Canada*" which was published in Fredericton in 1986 (by 1996 a 3<sup>rd</sup> edition was released with 120 pages and published through *Atlantex Publishing*).



Saint John Coin Club

1976

**Wooden Nickel** 



Additional woods were issued by *Saint John Coin Club* in 2009 and again in 2010 (the year they hosted the C.N.A. Convention) — #3750-058 and 3750-059 respectively.

3750-006	1973
3750-007	1974
3750-008A	1975
3750-008B	1976
3750-008C	1977
3750-008D	1978
3750-008E	1979
3750-008F	1979
3750-008G	1980

The club also issued Loyalist City woods the years listed left, and the catalogue numbers are beside them.

As well as the 1980s-2006.



Saint John Coin Club

1991

**Limited Proof Wooden Nickel** 

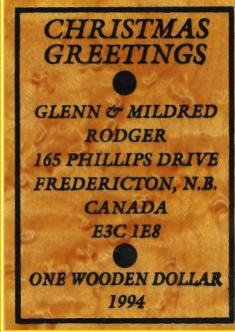


Here is Almost Circulated, page 2, "Cool Auction Finds – Christmas Greetings Woods" by Kevin Day-Thorburn, Volume 1, Issue 3, April 2014 Saint John Coin Club newsletter:

There's always interesting items in the Saint John Coin Club's meeting auctions, which are usually held right at the end of the evening. The auction is made up of donated items and the proceeds go to the club.

At the March meeting, Steve Small employed the "bid first, ask about the item later" strategy and won a pair of really nice woods issued by Glenn and Mildred Rodger of Fredericton, NB.





The first is dated 1994, wishing Christmas Greetings, with a denomination of one wooden dollar. Even those with no interest in woods will know that the normal "value" is five cents, giving rise to the wooden nickel name. This wood is particularly attractive, being varnished with a rich, beautiful wood grain pattern. The other side of the wood has a winter church scene in blue. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of Wooden Money of Atlantic Canada (1996), by Glenn Rodger and David Taylor, says there were 150 of these issued. The ink is blue and black and 64 by 89 mm.

The second wood is dated 1996 and wasn't listed in the catalogue. Was there ever a  $4^{th}$  edition printed? It is the same size with Seasons Greetings in red ink and a Christmas gift / toy design in green ink on the other side. It looks like it could be balsam wood. Judging by previous issues from Glenn and Mildred , they likely number somewhere between 150 and 200.

Glenn, who passed away in March of 2007, was born in the Ottawa Valley and was a long time numismatist, especially dedicated to the collecting of wooden money.

His book states that the 1989 Christmas flats were distributed to all the members of the Atlantic Provinces Wooden Money Association. I'm not sure if this contin-ued beyond the 1989 edition.



RODGER, GLENN BRIEN Peacefully passed away on March 5, 2007 after a brief stay at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital. Born in the Ottawa Valley on April 21st, 1920. He served in the RCAF followed by a long career with the Queen's Printer in Ottawa, retiring to Fredericton in 1979. Glenn was a numismatic for many years, president of the Ottawa Coin Club, and secretary of the APNA. At the time of his passing Glenn was survived by his loving wife Mildred (Ingalls) of 61 years, son Brien, daughter Brenda (Basil) Collett all of Kelowna, BC; brothers, Gayle, Arnold, Clive (who has since passed away in 2013), and several nieces and nephews. Glenn was predeceased by his parents and one brother Ralph.



Seasons Greetings...
GLENN & MILDRED
RODGER
165 PHILLIPS DRIVE
FREDERICTON, N.B.
CANADA - E3C 1E8

### Niagara Falls Coin Club

(established in Ontario in 1963)

**Len Trakalo** sent us information where *Good Notes* 88 Dealer was selling a Brantford wood issued for the BNS Coin Show in June 2014. In that same photo is a picture of a 2013 wood issued by the *Niagara Coin Club*, but never given to your Editor for the *Timber Talk*. **Norm Belsten** reports there were 4 woods for the *Niagara Falls Coin Club*, a set of three in different colours and a fourth for the their 50<sup>th</sup>, 100 of each. They are in the catalogue as 5565-066 red, -067 black, -068 and -069.

This picture courtesy of Niagara-Welland Tribune "Falls Review" is Smokey Milojevic, a lifelong member of the NFCC showing a coin commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Lundy's Lane.







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### Set of Lucky Woods!

shared by Al Munro

This is the complete NEW issue by *West Edmonton Mall Coin & Stamp Sh*op with the e-mail shown on the wood, unlike the first issue. As previously advised, I have obtained enough copies of all 4-colours for distribution to members. I will bring them to the RCNA 2014 Convention in August (in Mississauga). The shop is recognized as one of the Royal Canadian Mint's largest direct distributors. It has been operating in their current retail location for over 25 years. There is a huge selection of coin sets, coin (domestic and foreign), bullion, paper money, sports and gaming cards, figures (such as McFarlane, Marvel, and much more), sports licensed merchandise, board and card games, tokens, scrip, and more (memorabilia and collectibles). The shop is open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sundays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.





In 2010 the *Edmonton Sun* article, by **Jasmine Franklin** — *QMI Agency*, reported: An Edmonton coin shop has become the only place in the nation to order one of two rare French mint collector coins. "This is very exciting to have this brought to Edmonton — the only place in Canada — (they're) a very unique piece," said **Jack Jensen** (*pictured left, top*), owner of *West Edmonton Mall's Coin & Stamp*. "Getting into the French market is awesome, they make beautiful products." **Thomas Jeunet** (*pictured left, bottom*), international manager of France's mint, showed off the unique collection during a four-hour presentation at the store Monday.



Each *La Monnaie de Paris* coin weighs in at one-kilogram of gold. The Taj Mahal coin — part of UNESCO's seven wonders of the world collection — encrusts over 50 diamonds and is valued at \$140,000 retail. It is one of 29 Taj Mahal coins in the world. The Picasso coin goes for \$70,000 retail and is also one of 29 pieces featuring the famed abstract artist.





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"This is the first time La Monnais has produced the right to a coin about Picasso," said Jeunet. "Next year, the coin will be (about) Andy Warhol." Jeunet is traveling with the coins to Agra, India, Edmonton and New Year this week and lastly to Paris for the final unveiling of the Taj Mahal coin on Nov. 17. The coins can be ordered through the shop but are not stored there. The reasons for coming to Edmonton were simple said Jeunet. "The potential for this shop to carry French Mint is



outstanding," said Jeunet. "It's a great opportunity for Canadians to order through the shop." Jensen said the store has been a distributor carried Canadian mint for the past 25 years and he predicts that the French will sell "quite well." The store is located on the upper level of West Edmonton Mall near Entrance 9.

### Shaman Wood!

Prime Card Mike was the dealer for this J. B. Kuce 'Shaman' hand-painted wood. Your Editor research this artist but cannot find the one connected to this wood. If you have any information on this wood, please send your Editor an article.

According to Wikipedia, "Shamanism is a practice that involves a practitioner reaching altered states of consciousness in order to encounter and interact with the spirit world and channel these transcenden-

tal energies into this world. A Shaman is a person regarded as having access to, and influence in, the world of benevolent and malevolent spirits, who typically enters into a trance state during a ritual, and practices divination and healing."

